

HEEY CALLS BANK REAL SHYLOCK

Testimony in Packing Investigation Leads to Demonstration.

Boston, Dec. 29.—Special Counsel Francis J. Heeny, of the Federal Trade Commission, in a statement to newspapermen at the close of the packers' probe today, declared that following another hearing in Boston in the near future, criminal prosecutions will follow the disclosure of certain evidence.

The Exchange Trust Company of Boston was attacked by Heeny. His criticism of the bank came after he had heard the testimony of William McDonald, a wholesale meat merchant. When the witness had finished his story Heeny remarked:

"This sounds like the Shylock we read about in Shakespeare. Who is the president of this bank?"

"John H. Martin," answered the witness.

Tells of Financing.

McDonald said he invested \$100,000 in his plant, of which he had \$50,000. The other \$50,000 was borrowed from the Trust Company, he said. He gave a note for \$50,000 and received \$50,000, the other \$50,000 being taken out as interest and charges for the first six months. He gave a mortgage on the plant and issued bonds for \$100,000, which were turned over to the bank, and gave the bank a mortgage on his two stores.

As the notes fell due he found it impossible to meet them. Worried over the business brought on nervous prostration.

How He Settled.

He finally settled with the Exchange Trust Company after paying off \$20,000 of the note, leaving \$30,000 due the bank, and by turning over to the bank all the property, together with another rendering plant he owned and mortgaging his home and giving notes for \$125, he testified.

Heeny prefaced his opening address with an explanation of the purpose and scope of the commission, which was brought into being by the President and Congress to the end that any business man, large or small, might have ready redress in case unfair means were used to injure or eliminate him from his field.

**SWISS FOOD PROBLEM
BECOMES ALARMING**

Bread, Butter and Sugar Rations Cut to Minimum.

According to an announcement by the Food Administration, the food situation in Switzerland is rapidly falling to the danger line. A ration that is far below the consumption in many of the countries at war has already been ordered.

Under the new regulations, the Swiss may have only a pound of meat a week. Maurice Long, minister for general revivification of France, indicated recently that the ration of 20 per cent in the bread ration would soon become imperative.

The manufacture and consumption of pastry will be entirely suspended after January 1, except on Sundays and holidays.

**SERVICE CLUB WINS
IMMEDIATE SUCCESS**

Four Hundred Officers Join New Organization.

The James G. Blaine mansion on Du Pont circle has again become the center of social activity. On entering the doors of the spacious home, one will find officers from all branches of the service enjoying the comforts of the newly organized United Service Club of America. The home is one of the largest in Washington and with its rich furnishings makes an ideal clubhouse.

The two dining-rooms, one for officers only and one for officers and their guests, have become popular, and already numerous parties have been arranged.

Within a week the membership has increased from 125 to 400. The committee on membership has announced that no initiation fee will be charged for membership until the beginning of the New Year, when a fee of \$10 will be charged during January. Beginning February 1, a fee of \$20 will be charged.

The quarters offered for officers are in a large, airy, and comfortable home nearby as an annex, where some 100 more officers may be accommodated. The club has already arranged the fourth floor as a dormitory for transient officers, and by becoming an associate member for \$5 a year the officers who are brought back to Washington temporarily may find it convenient to find rooms and get the privilege of the club activities.

COLORED REVIVALIST PLANS 60 MEETINGS

Commencing midnight tomorrow Rev. R. C. Williams, D. D., of Richmond, Va., will conduct a sixty-day evangelistic campaign at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, colored, N. street between Ninth and Tenth streets northwest.

Meetings will be under the auspices of the National Evangelical Ministries' Alliance of America, and under the personal direction of Dr. Simon P. W. Drew, pastor of the church.

Midnight services will be held at midnight December 31. The watchword will be "1,000,000 Christians for Christ in 1918."

Some of the sermon's subjects are: "The Empty House," January 2; "I Got Mad and Started Home," January 3; "The Gospel Containing the Hidden Treasure," January 7; "The Laughing Sinner," January 10; "Naked, Sinner Standing Before God," January 14; "Prayer Meeting in Hell," January 17; "Sinner Looking at the Sun in the Fire," January 21; "Sinner in a Tree," January 25; "Valley of Dry Bones," January 29.

The meetings will continue until the first Sunday in March.

Vote Organization Prepares for Campaign

Representative Body of Citizens Will Urge Congress to Adopt Chamberlain Amendment for Suffrage and Delegate.

The organization of the Joint Committee on National Representation for the District of Columbia is being rapidly pressed into final form, to secure the adoption of the proposed Chamberlain amendment for national representation in the Congress of the United States and the electoral college.

Text of Resolution.

Committees have been diligently working perfecting the organization and many of Washington's strongest bodies have endorsed the constitutional amendment, which is as follows:

"The Congress shall have power to admit to the status of citizens of the United States the residents of the District constituting the seat of the government of the United States, created by article I, section eight, for the purpose of representation in the Congress and among the electors of President and Vice President and for the purpose of suing and being sued in the courts of the United States under the provisions of article III, section two."

"When the Congress shall exercise this power the residents of such District shall be entitled to elect one or two Senators as determined by Congress, Representatives in the House according to their numbers as determined by the decennial enumeration, and presidential electors equal in number to the number of Representatives in the House and Senate."

"The Congress shall provide by law the qualifications of voters and the time and manner of choosing the Senator or Senators, the

French Pay Fitting Tribute To First U. S. War Victims

Three American boys—one a corporal and the other two privates—in the American army were aluted by France as they were laid in their graves. It was officially announced here last night. They were the first American soldiers killed in France by the Germans. They lost their lives in a trench raid November 3. As they were buried beneath French soil, Gen. Bordeaux, of the French army, said:

"Men, these graves, the first to be dug in our national soil, at but a short distance from the enemy, are as a mark of the mighty hand of our allies, firmly clinging to the common task of confirming the will of the people and army of the United States to fight with this noble and ready sacrifice as long as will be necessary, until final victory for the noblest of causes—that of liberty of nations, the weak as well as the mighty."

The American boys were Corporal James B. Gresham, of Evansville, Ind., and Privates Thomas E. Enright, of Pittsburgh, and Merle D. Hay, of Glidden, Iowa.

They were buried at Bathelmont.

German Republic's Champion Exhorts Countrymen to Act

Siegfried Balder, the German publicist who advocates the establishment of a Republic of the German people, has circulated another vital appeal to his people, a translation of which has just been made public here.

"If you wish to see the civilized world treated with the Kaiser and his hangers-on, you will have to have a long time to shed your blood and to suffer famine," says Mr. Balder to his countrymen.

"You will be paying with your flesh for the reorganization of the world, for the regeneration of your own country."

"You must show and prove that you are weary of being accomplices and the victims of the most shameful crimes; you must declare that never again will you submit to be slaughtered at any man's command for his own benefit, and you can only publish

this fact by one deed—by founding a German Republic.

"Your republic is peace, your object is freedom, your power is the truth, your weapon is right. Were there ever hollow grounds for a revolution? A German Republic could not be peaceful, with the world's incomparable moral evil and on more favorable conditions than could the imperial government."

"The entente can and is willing to trade with a German Republic. The entente is not fighting the German people, but the German government. But so long as the German people defend and support the conduct of their government, they naturally receive all the chastisement which that government has earned."

"This war will not end until Germany's enemies lie helpless—the only enemies that Germany has had—the Emperor and his servants."

**DR. FOWLER MADE
V. U. HOSPITAL HEAD**

Noted Louisville Medical Executive Takes Charlottesville Post.

Dr. Joseph W. Fowler, until recently superintendent of Louisville's \$3,000,000 hospital and whose work with that institution won for him national fame, has just been appointed superintendent of the hospital of the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, Va., and will enter on his duties at once. Dr. Fowler was the highest grade of any of the several candidates for the place. A salary of \$5,000 attaches to the post.

Dr. Fowler made an exhaustive study of hospitals in this and other countries, prior to accepting the superintendency of the hospital at Louisville which was built during his regime. The Louisville institution is considered to be one of the very best equipped hospitals in the world.

In accepting the position with the University of Virginia, Dr. Fowler gives it preference over offers to go to California into government work. He believes the opportunity at Charlottesville will enable him to introduce to the South a modern institution such as he developed at Louisville.

Dr. Fowler is one of the best known citizens of Louisville. He was born at Bardonia, Ky., where Senator Beckham and Representative Ben Johnston hail from. He has been a recognized leader in Democratic politics.

**Judge Hardison Arrives
For Police Court Duty**

Judge Robert Hardison, of Kentucky, who recently was appointed judge of the United States District Court at Louisville, arrived in the city yesterday and will take oath of office January 1.

He succeeds Judge James L. Pugh, whose term expired last April. Soon after his confirmation by the Senate Judge Hardison suffered a nervous breakdown.

For the last four years Judge Hardison has been doing field work for the Department of Justice and it is said his appointment to the bench is a reward for meritorious service.

GOOD MORNING JUDGE

by RUDOLPH PERKINS

Jim King, employed by a large furniture store, has been having trouble with his morning paper.

The other day when sent out with some C. O. D. packages he forgot to bring back the \$20 he collected.

His boss called him up on the phone and demanded his money. In answering Jim was talking into a quart bottle instead of the telephone transmitter.

The cops made a bee line for his house. The \$20 was "corruptly vented." Not even Jim knew where it was.

In court he told the judge that the radiator in his house sprung a leak and he was compelled to leave work and fix it.

He also had a "questionnaire" to fill out, he said. This, too, helped him to forget all about the money.

The court found out that it was a quart bottle of oil that had sprung a leak. The "questionnaire" was a warrant from the courthouse to put Jim in the cooler.

And after advising Jim to take a correspondence course in memory training, the court sent him down for a month.

Slur Hit Him Hard.

One day last week Albert Hughes came home with a big bump on his forehead.

His wife and all the folks immediately inquired how he got marked up. After hesitating a minute, Al cooked up an excuse.

Someone had cast a slur on the family, he said, and in defending the family honor he was obliged to fight.

After being asked a hundred times he named the person he had been called upon to lick.

A day or two later Albert saw his wife in a heated argument with Roy Moran. He ducked, without saying a word. He dare not face Roy, because he was the man whom he had accused of the slander.

That same night Roy came around to Albert's house. Albert tried to sneak out, but his wife caught him by the coat tails.

While he stood speechless Roy let loose and walloped him good in front of all the folks, and made him apologize.

It turned out that Albert's bump originated in a crap game. Roy wasn't taking to a fellow named Albert. He thought it necessary to conceal his liking for craps from his family.

However, all this didn't stop the court from fining Roy a \$10 bill, which he paid.

The Tragedy.

"Judge, Ah met dat woman at a dance. She had on a stickpin wot Ah says must be for Christmas. Afiah she stuck her tongue out at me twit Ah hits her."

"Well, that didn't give you a license to hit her, even if she did stick out her tongue," said the court to Grace Cornwell, accused of assaulting Hattie Lemon.

"Judge," interrupted Hattie, "dat woman has been scandalizin' me for longer wot Ah can remember. I want to say to her. She's jealous 'cause Ah goes wid her fellow."

Of course Grace had a fight to be proved. She wouldn't under the circumstances. Her head had proven false. She had been scorned after she had given him a Christmas present.

"If I was big enough, she said, to see another woman wear what she gave her beau, but to have that woman rub it in on her proved too much for her nerves."

Hattie lost a lot of her hair. Her face was scratched up to beat the band. The affair broke the party completely.

And because Grace was not afraid to tell the truth about the scrap the court let her down easy. It was only \$5.

A Funny Ache.

For a long time, Joe Fraser said, he had been suffering with severe headaches.

His wife, Annie, keeps telling him that those aches are the result of his fighting the German people. He doesn't agree at all with this.

Thursday night he came home from work earlier than usual. He went out again and got some medicine. He came home, sat down in a chair and held his head between his hands.

A girl who lived next door came in. She was one of those fluffy little things whose clothes fit her like the paper on a wall.

Immediately Joe's headache left him (so his wife said). He spruced up and made himself as agreeable as possible. He insisted on accompanying the sweet young thing to her front door.

When he came back his wife stood waiting for him with a roll of paper (so she said). Anyhow, there was a scrap.

Both Joe and Annie were hurt. He said she did it and she said he did. But Joe was the one who was arrested.

Upon her promise not to look at any other woman but his wife the court released Joe on personal bonds.

**Engineering Students'
Army Eligibility Fixed**

Regulations for enlistment of engineering students in the Engineer Reserve Corps are promulgated by Gen. Crowder yesterday.

The student must be pursuing a course at one of the technical institutions listed by the War Department, leading to a degree of Civil, Electrical, Mechanical or Chemical Engineer, or an equivalent course.

He must also have a scholastic standing which would place him about the first third, basing his marks on a ten years' average of scholarship.

NUTSHELL NEWS.

Joseph Seckline, 535 Georgia avenue northwest, reported to the police last night the theft of \$5 from the cash drawer at his stand in the O street market.

A suitcase containing a woman's dress and other articles was stolen from Mrs. James Joyce, 256 East Fifty-Fifth street, Cleveland, Ohio, while she was in a telephone booth at Union Station.

A gray automobile robe valued at \$16 was stolen from the automobiles of George L. Blaisman, 1028 Connecticut avenue northwest, in front of B. F. Keith's Theater last night.

Suit to recover \$100,000 damages was filed yesterday in the District Supreme Court by Dennis Toomey against W. F. Hines. Through Attorney Lambert and Yeatman the plaintiff alleges that on September 5 last he was injured when struck by the defendant's auto.

U-BOAT CHASER TO BE BUILT IN 15 MINUTES

Navy Yard Workers Will Also Do Other Stunts During Rally.

After putting a submarine chaser together in fifteen minutes before the eyes of the President and members of his Cabinet, navy yard workers will then fire a 21-gun salute in honor of the Executive at the patriotic rally to be held in the Navy Yard hall last night on the evening of Wednesday, January 9.

War tableaux, serious and humorous, will make up the program. Japs and marines in full fighting paraphernalia will be shown making their farewells to mothers, kiddies, sweethearts and wives.

American war sacrifices in men and money will be depicted. Representative Henry Z. Osborne, of California, a member of the G. A. R., will depict an old soldier praising a young marine. Navy yard yeomen will impersonate the feminine characters of the tableaux.

Mrs. Newton D. Baker will sing "Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag and Smile, Smile, Smile." Other music will be furnished by a big chorus of marines, yeomen and sailors, assisted by the Marine Band. A quintet composed of veteran jacksies whose combined service in the navy aggregated 150 years will be another feature.

Besides the President, others expected to be present are: Secretary of State Lansing, Secretary of the Navy Daniels, Secretary of War Baker, Attorney General Gregory, Secretary of Agriculture Houston, Secretary of Commerce Redfield and Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt.

Miss McAdoo on Program.

Little Ellen McAdoo, the 3-year-old daughter of Secretary McAdoo, will christen the submarine chaser, "Democracy."

Representative J. W. Baur, of Minnesota, will draw cartoons which will be on exhibition during the evening of all the folks, and made him apologize.

The committee of Navy Yard employees in charge of the rally includes John R. Higgins, chairman; A. W. Bailey, P. G. Cooper, William Goss, P. Goodman, R. A. Hendrick, J. Kramer, David Herdister, Albert Parker, E. D. Schwenk, Charles Wright and I. Wright.

As the hall will hold only about 1,000 persons, Navy yard employees will draw lots for 600 seats, while the other seats will be disposed of by special invitations.

**FAMILY NARROWLY
ESCAPES IN FIRE**

Blaze in Alexandria Drives Shanks' from Home.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Dec. 29.—Fire this morning destroyed the two-story frame dwelling house, 1700 Duke street, occupied by Allen U. Shanks and his wife and three children and a dog. The family narrowly escaped being burned to death. A defective flue is thought to have been responsible for the blaze.

Mr. Shanks and his wife were hurriedly dressed and got out their children. By the time they got out the entire house was enveloped in flames and they were unable to save any of their effects.

The fire department responded and when they arrived the house was doomed and they confined their efforts to preventing a spread of the fire, the highest north wind prevailing at the time sending burning embers to nearby houses. The firemen succeeded in saving a house across the street which took fire.

The firemen worked an hour while the firemen were close to the zero mark and suffered considerably as a result of the intense cold. The house was owned by the Emerson Pump Company, Inc., and was valued at about \$2,000, with no insurance.

Mr. Shanks and family secured shelter for the night at the residence of Rufus L. Mitchell, 1702 Duke street.

The local exemption board has thus far sent out a total of 1,544 questionnaires to registrants for the draft. It is expected the work will practically be completed next Saturday. The board sends out about 115 daily.

Those who are assisting the registrants have been kept busy the past few days helping the registrants in filling out the questionnaires.

In the Circuit Court for this city in vacation today Brue J. Downey qualified as administrator of the estate of Rose E. Downey, Louisa Holland was appointed administratrix of the estate of H. C. Holland and Mary E. Rogers was appointed administratrix of the estate of Horace Page.

At the Christmas school celebration of the First Baptist Church last night Rev. E. B. Jackson, D. D., pastor, was presented with a purse of gold.

Patrick Cunningham, about 60 years old, a farmer, died this afternoon at the Alexandria hospital. He was unmarried and lived in Fairfax County west of this city. A sister survives him. His wife will inherit his place at 3:30 o'clock Monday morning from St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Rev. W. J. Morton, rector of Christ P. E. Church, today officiated at the funeral of Mrs. Rose E. Downey, at the residence of H. C. Griffith, 220 South Washington street. The body was shipped to Frederick, County, Md., for burial.

As a result of the cold weather, there were but few country persons today in the market. The country part of the market presented a deserted appearance.

At many of the churches tomorrow the Christmas music will be repeated.

MRS. MARY A. BURCH BURIED.

Mrs. Mary A. Burch, of Berwyn, Md., died Friday. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the residence of her son, John E. Burch, 2536 Eleventh street northwest. Interment was in Glenwood Cemetery. Mrs. Burch was the widow of John T. Burch, formerly lived in Washington, but has resided in Berwyn for the last thirty years. She was the daughter of Gen. Matthew McEwen and spent her girlhood in Washington. She was married to John T. Burch and is survived by three sons, Earl Burch, Philip Hyland Burch and Thomas Raymond Burch, and one daughter.

SCIENTISTS CLOSE CONVENTION HERE

L. A. Rogers, of District, Joins Society of Bacteriologists.

One Washingtonian was elected to the executive council of the Society of American Bacteriologists, which closed a three-day convention in the District Building board room with election of officers yesterday afternoon.

R. E. Buchanan, of Iowa State College, was elected president; S. C. Prescott, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, vice president; and the following were elected to the executive council: Jean Broadhurst, of New York City; L. A. Rogers, of Washington, D. C.; E. B. Sped, of Los Angeles; and F. M. Huntington, of New York City. W. W. Browne was elected delegate to the conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Papers on different technical subjects were read by A. E. Wadsworth, Eugene Valentine, Charles Krumwiede, Jr., Frank M. Nulton, A. Parker Hitchens, G. H. Robinson, Alice C. Evans, J. Kligler, Raymond Craig, Roy S. Dearstine, M. J. Pruehe, H. M. Wester and W. H. Chambers.

**ORDNANCE WORKERS
IN WELFARE SERVICE**

Gun Division Employees to Benefit by Activities.

With the co-operation of officers' wives and members of the office force there is being inaugurated in the Gun Division of the Ordnance Department a program of welfare work, including social as well as housing arrangements.

The 1,500 employees of the division, many of whom are young women, have been housed so comfortably that none are now looking for rooms. Rooms listed were investigated by Mrs. Mary C. D. Johnson and Mrs. L. H. Printup. Practically all were in homes.

The division maintains a trained nurse. Knitting and sewing classes to work for the enlisted men of the Ordnance Corps have been formed.

**OHIO FOOD VENDERS
MAKE GREAT SAVING**

Reports to the United States Food Administration show that 147 hotels in Ohio saved during November \$7,140. The savings amounted to 14,065 pounds of meat; 56,985 pounds of wheat flour; and 41,675 pounds of sugar.

These represent only 50 per cent of the hotels in the State. In 355 restaurants (46 per cent of the total) the savings amounted to 14,065 pounds of meat; 56,985 pounds of wheat flour; and 41,675 pounds of sugar.

Ben. H. Harmon, State food representative for the Ohio Federal Food Administration, estimates from these figures the following savings for the public eating places of the State as a whole: Meat, 47,875 pounds, or 57 pounds of meat; 14,065 pounds of wheat flour; and 41,675 pounds of sugar, 123,345 pounds or sixty-seven tons.

Dr. Harry T. Barnard, Federal Food Administrator for Indiana, has reported to the Food Administration approximately November savings of 605,000 pounds of meat and \$11,250 pounds of wheat in the hotels and restaurants of his State.

**Home Defense Leaguers
Get Instructions Today**

Members of the Home Defense League precinct divisions and members of the motor car division will report for instructions at their police precinct station houses, and members of the Volunteer Guards Division at the north door of the District Building this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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BLIND ARE GUESTS AT CHRISTMAS FEAST

National Library Scene of Enjoyable Time for Sightless.

Last night the blind of Washington were guests at a Christmas feast signaled by the true spirit of holiday cheer. The National Library for the Blind was the scene of the gathering, which lasted from 6 to 10 o'clock.

Refreshments including ice cream, cake, candies and other good things were served early in the evening. Afterwards, the gathering adjourned to the music room where all participated in the singing of patriotic songs and Christmas carols under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Johnson, of New York.

One of the most interesting songs was a patriotic ballad composed by James Oates, a student in the library, and entitled "We'll Be Back to Give Our Lives for You."

Each guest was furnished with a card engraved with his name in raised letters and on presentation of this was presented with an appropriate gift.

Mrs. Thomas Tryon Gore, president of the library, and an executive committee composed of Mrs. Nina Kemp, Mrs. Carl Vrooman and Miss Elta Giffin were in charge of the affair.

Mrs. Kemp is one of the eleven teachers of the blind who have received instruction at the National Library, and are now in readiness to go to France. They are needed to train soldiers who have lost their sight in battle.

COLD OVERCOMES POLICEMAN

Taken suddenly ill from exposure while on patrol duty yesterday afternoon, Private J. B. Brown, of the Seventh precinct, was removed to the Georgetown University Hospital. His condition is not serious.